Amillennial Doctrine
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REVELATIONS

A STUDY FOR THE BLESSED

Introduction:

In my ministry I have always felt the need to put on paper my inspired interpretation of Revelations. This study is put in general terms using only the King James version of the bible for its reference. I understand that much more information can be added, however, my goal is that most anyone would be able to take this commentary and enjoy a general understanding of the greatest book ever given to man. This is not to create debate or controversy among the brethren. This writing is only meant for me to express to anyone who will consider one of the greatest books of prophesy given to human kind. I am no writer or scholar. I am only a sinner saved by the grace of God, called to the ministry to proclaim the accepted day of the Lord. I understand that I may expose myself to ridicule and unbelief, however, I am willing to chance ones ridicule that the visions of Revelations may be understood. I want everyone to understand that Gods word is alive. It speaks to all circumstances with power and authority. It behooves us to pay close attention to the content of what God has to say! He that hath ears to hear let him hear what the Spirit has to say to the church;

To begin the study of Revelations we must first establish the definition of Revelations. To achieve this we must look to the book of Revelations itself. Where would one find a better definition than from the witness of the Holy Spirit as it proclaims the mystery of the Word of God in the past, present and the future (literally this defines the book.) In the revealing of the past, God dealt with human kind through direct relationships and the Mosaic Law. In the present, God deals with human kind through the dispensation of grace, the church. In the future Gods promises full-filled, eternal life in the presence of God in a glorified Heaven.

(Rev. 1:4-5) "John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you and peace from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven spirits which are before his throne. And from Jesus Christ who is the faithful witness and the first begotten of the dead and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." Taking these scriptures into consideration we can only conclude that the book of Revelations tells the story of the past, the present and the future.

This letter was written by John the beloved disciple of the Lord. He wrote as he was moved upon by the Holy Spirit. (Rev. 1:10) "I was in the spirit on the Lords day and heard behind me a great voice as of a trumpet." His writing was from the Isle of Patmos after suffering his eyes being plucked out and placed in exile, yet not forgotten of God.

Chapter 1

(Rev. 1:1-3) This was John's greeting of salutation to the seven churches that were in Asia. He gave his testimony of the vision "of things that must shortly come to pass" which was signified to him by an angel of God. Who personally bared record of Jesus Christ, then extended to us the blessing of the prophesy of the book of Revelation by reading, hearing and keeping this vision.

(Rev. 1:4) This letter was written to the seven churches in Asia, Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea. Tradition holds that Ephesus was one of the most successful churches that Paul established on his missionary journeys, however, in Paul's absence, while in prison, John was the primary pastor in his latter ministry. This would explain why God would inspire John to write letters to them from Patmos. Johns love and heart was still with the churches, though he was not able to be there. The other six churches were spin offs or missions off the church of Ephesus.

The message is clear (1 Peter 1: 20) "Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you. Jesus, which is and which was and which is to come."

From the seven spirits which are before the throne; each church, as today has its own spirit, if you will, its own personality. Without the spirit you cannot have a church. You can only have a religious organization. Seven spirits are mentioned two other times in Revelations (Rev. 4:5 "seven lamps of fire burning before the throne: and Rev. 5:6 "seven eyes which are the seven spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.") These show the vision of the spirit of God and the burning of its presence in our soul. The spirits purpose is to comfort a child of God on the journey and to lead us unto righteousness. As John was writing to the seven churches, it is important to see that there is a spirit for each church.

(Rev. 1:5) The definition of this book is in the first verse "the Revelation of Jesus Christ." During this study we must remember and acknowledge this book tells the story of Jesus and the salvation he brought to us. Jesus was exalted above all in Heaven and earth. This verse shows the character of Jesus and the propitiation he made for the atonement of our sin.

(Rev. 1:6) Jesus being lifted up, then exalted his people above all the earth. We are the children of God, heirs and joint heirs with Christ.

(Rev. 1:7) Expresses the return of Jesus for the church. This is also expressed in the letter (1 Thes. 4:13-18) to each of which collates the exact same message that describes Jesus return. The clouds are the clouds of glory as every eye beholds him.

(Rev. 1:8) Expresses the sovernty of God. It also expresses the definition of Revelations itself (Rev. 1:4) the past, present and future, reminding us that he is the creator of all.

(Rev. 1:9-10) John's personal testimony; about himself, his fellowship with the brethren and Jesus who he is willing to serve both the brethren and Jesus, nothing wavering. He was willing to serve in tribulation and in patience. John describes the voice that was speaking to him. He could not deny it. He could only yield to it. How precious it is to be in the fellowship of God's presence! We often complain about the positions of life we find ourselves in. John was in exile with his eyes plucked out when God chose to show him visions of Jesus and the plan of salvation. These visions anchor our souls today. Let God use you no matter what the condition you find yourself in.

(Rev. 1:11) The spirit begins to speak, expressing the preeminence of Christ. Then it tells John to write a book and send it to the seven churches of Asia in which John was considered pastor.

(Rev. 1:12) John being turned expresses the direction we as Christians need to be in when listening to God, "and being turned I saw seven golden candle sticks." Jesus placed an emphasis on the value and the preciousness of the seven churches. The seven candle sticks are the seven churches.

(Rev. 1:13-16) These verses display the presence of Jesus. He is the head of the church and the chief corner stone. (1 Pet.1:4-9) For lack of words John tries to describe the glorified Jesus Christ. We will always find Jesus in the midst of the church.

(Rev. 1:17) This was John's reaction in the presence of Gods Holy Spirit. He displayed much humility and respect as the angel touched him and introduced himself to John. No man will be able to stand in the presence of God. His divine spirit will humble us at his presence.

(Rev. 1:18-19) Again we see the definition of Revelations in verses 18 and 19. "I am he that liveth (past) and was dead (present) and behold I am alive forevermore, (future.) This verse correlates exactly to the following verse. Rev. 1:4 "... from him which is and which was and which is to come." Reminding us that God has the keys to hell and death, (Matt. 16:18) "the gates of hell shall not prevail against us." Verse 19 insists that John write about the "things that he has seen, the things which are and the things which shall be hereafter."

(Rev 1:20) Jesus then begins to reveal the mystery that John had saw. The seven stars were the angels of the seven churches. The seven candlesticks were the seven churches. It's clear to see how that Jesus clearly speaks to us through the church. The scripture is of no private interpretation (1 Pet. 1:20.)

Chapter 2 Preface

Before our study of the seven churches of Asia, I would like to interject a thought. John saw seven stars that were the angels of the seven churches and seven golden candlesticks that are the seven churches. Mathew 26:41 ...the Spirit indeed is willing , but the flesh is week. This signifies the power of God, through Grace and Faith, the unwavering willingness of our savior to provide help in our time of need. In addition, the scripture shows the relative weakness of man. Though surrounded by and with the power of God, we in the flesh suffer from the mortality of the flesh. In drawing a stark contrast between our weakness and Gods Righteousness, I thought of the following comparison.

Thus the Bible is Proverbs 6:16-19 states;
16) There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him:
17) A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,
18) An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,
19) A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

This will be easy, but look at the thing that God hates, recorded in Proverbs; then apply them to the seven churches of Asia. After that, compare those seven things that God hates to the current church of today. See where we have erred. As Jesus

said to the seven churches, REPENT. Salvation is still a repenting way, so is our fellowship with God a repenting way.

- Ephesus – Left their first love;
  *"Remember from whence thou art fallen, and repent and do the first works; Or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."
  *"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

- Smyrna – The poor but rich church;
  *"I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews and are not, but are of the synagogue of Satan.
  * "be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."...."HE that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death."

- Pergamos – dwelleth even where Satan's seat is – self righteous – hypocrites
  * "thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam" (self righteous) repent or I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth."
  *"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written,..."

- Thyatira – False prophets teaching;
  *Allowed worldly teaching of doctrine; "and gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not." "I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds." "And I will kill her children with death."
  * "I will put upon none other burden" "he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations" "and I will give them the morning star."

- Sardis – The dying Church;
  *"thou livest and art dead" "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which

remain, that are ready to die."Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast and repent."" I will come unto thee as a thief"
*"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot his name out of the book of life, but will confess his name before my father, and before his angels."

- Philadelphia – This Church has an open door and no man can shut it -
  * "for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name."
  * "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come from the world." "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God..." 'will write upon him the name of my God..."

- Laodiceans – "thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot."
  : So then because thou are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth," "because thou sayest I am rich....and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."
  *Behold I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Chapter 2

(Rev 2:1-7) The first letter was written to the angel of the church of Ephesus. This church was the pride of Paul. He spent much time there to establish it. They were overtaken in idolatry. After accepting the gospel there was a great change. Though there were short comings there were also positives. Jesus recognized their good works, patience, sound doctrine, discipline, steadfastness and the issuance of evil. As all of us do, the church of Ephesus came short. They "left their first love." There was a great show of grace when Jesus offered them repentance. If they did repent they would be able to eat from the tree of life that was in Heaven.

(Rev 2: 8-11) The second letter was written to the angel of the church of Smyrna. This was the poor but rich church. Jesus recognized their poverty and tribulation, however, Jesus promised to supply all our needs according to his riches in glory. (Phil. 4-19) Jesus declared their riches. Jesus said in verse 10 "fear none of those things ... we shall suffer tribulation but be faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life. In verse 11 "he that overcome shall not be hurt of the second death" which is the lake of fire.

(Rev 2: 12-17) The third church was Pergamos. Jesus reminded them of the word of God as a two edge sword. (Heb. 4-12) He blessed their steadfastness though they were surrounded by idolatry. Theology says that there were a number of temples that worshipped idol gods in and around the church. What better place for a church and what a witness. Jesus identified that the church was trying to worship God with different doctrines within the church. Jesus told them to repent of it. If they will repent, they will eat of the hidden manna and will be given a white stone; in the stone a name written which no man knows. This name is the new name that God give us at the time of salvation because we become a new creature in Christ.

(Rev 2: 18-29) The fourth church was Thyatira. They had works, charity, service, faith and patience. They were known as the church with the false prophetess. Jesus compared her to Jezebel. Jesus wanted us to know that if there is a doctrine or even habit among us if we do not repent of it or make corrections in our life it will become a part of us. Jesus said that he would place Jezebel in a bed and we would be laying with her. He said that he would kill her children. It just so happens the children of the church is our own children. So what we have to lose by unrepented sin, is our own children dying and going to hell. It behooves us to live for the Lord and to keep the world out of our lives. People are watching us. Not only people but our own kin that we must win to Jesus with our testimony in life. He that overcomes I will give him power over the nations. I will give them the morning star.

Chapter 3

(Rev 3: 1-6) The fifth church was the church at Sardis. This church is known as the dying church. Their works were not perfect before God. Jesus said to watch and strengthen the things that are not dead. There was only a few that had not defiled their garments. A lot like the church world today. He that overcomes I will not blot there name out of the book of life and will confess their name before the Heavenly Father.

(Rev 3: 7-13) The sixth church was the church at Philadelphia. Jesus reminds us that he has set an open door before us. There is a door that no man can shut and that no man can open. "Though hast a little strength because though hast kept my word of patience I will also keep you from the hour of temptation." We often wonder how that we can endure the temptations of life. We can achieve this by keeping the word of God in our life. Yet it is God that will keep us, we cannot keep ourselves. Jesus said to him that overcomes "I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God." What a blessed opportunity that God would use us in the building and the working of the church. There is no greater work than the work of God.

(Rev 3: 4-22) The seventh church was the church of the Laodiceans. Jesus knew their works. They were neither hot nor cold. Because they were not hot or cold "I will spue thee out of my mouth. They claimed to be rich with no needs. Jesus said they were miserable and poor, blind and naked. Jesus encouraged them to come to him for council. "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man will hear my voice and open the door I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me." He that overcome will I grant to sit with me in my throne.."

Chapter 4

(Rev 4:1) After John saw the vision of the seven churches he then looked around and saw an open door. As Jesus spoke to the church at Philadelphia (Rev 3:8) "I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it." (Rev 3:20) "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in to him..." This door remains open to us today. It is the door to salvation. (Jn 10:7) " ... verily, verily I say unto you I am the door of the sheep." Then John heard a voice. Do you remember the first time the voice of God spoke to you? John described what he heard as sounding like a trumpet. Amen

(Rev 4:2) John testified that he was immediately in the spirit. (1 Cor 2:14) "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God ... because they are spiritually discerned." Then John saw one sitting on the throne.

(Rev 4:3) John describes God sitting on the throne. What a sight! This is a desire that we all have and one day we will see Him as He is. He also saw a rainbow around the throne. The rainbow was given to Noah as a token of Gods promise of peace, however, it was only one half of the rainbow. In this vision John saw a complete rainbow "around" the throne. The complete rainbow shows the completeness in Gods salvation, similar to the token of a ring given in a marriage ceremony.

(Rev 4:4) John saw the twenty four elders around the throne. The term "elders" shows the maturity and the fullness pertaining to Gods word.

(Rev 4:5) John saw the power of the throne. He also saw the seven spirits of God before the throne. He saw seven lamps of fire burning which is the church. This shows the spiritual requirement and obligation to each church. (Jn 4:24) "God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

(Rev 4:6) John saw the great gulf that is fixed. This gulf is the same gulf that that the rich man saw in the gospel according to Luke 16:26. This simply means nothing can enter into Heaven unless it has been prepared or sanctified nor can anything leave Heaven except what has already been directed in God's word. The next exit that we see from Heaven is when Jesus comes for the church. Ezekiel 1:10 describes the vision that John saw concerning the four beast. They went forward and did not turn to the right or to the left. They did not back up and was moved by the spirit.

(Rev 4:7) John describes the four beast that he saw. The lion shows the power of the spirit. It is the king of all beasts. The calf, though he has all power, still shows sacrifice; the sacrifice that God gave of his son. God chose man, made him a little lower than the angels to oversee his creation. The eagle shows the swiftness, gracefulness and the great vision that the word of God has.

(Rev 4:8-11) These beasts praise God continually. "Which was, and is, and is to come" reminding us again of the definition of Revelation. They proclaim the worthiness of Gods glory to be praised; "Casting their crowns before the throne." When we get to Heaven we too will cast our crown of righteousness (II Tim 4:8) at the feet of Jesus because he is worthy.

Chapter 5

(Rev 5:1) The fifth chapter is the most important of all the books of Revelations in regards to ones belief in the millennium doctrine. One must make the determination as to what was the content within the book that he held in his right hand on the throne. The only determination that can be made is this is the book that contained the plan of salvation. In the following verses you will see the determination is rightly noted.

(Rev 5:2) The angel proclaimed who is worthy to open the book and to loose the seals thereof. The key word in this chapter is worthy. We all know that the only one that was worthy was Jesus. (1 Pet 1-20) "Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world." I have an opinion that Satan was willing. This caused the war in Heaven that got Satan cast out (Rev 12:7). Satan thought himself to be equal with God. He was a liar then and he is still a liar today.

(Rev 5:3) No one was able to open the book or even look thereon. It becomes more obvious as we go through the verses that there is only one, not two or three opinions, only one Saviour, only one salvation. (Eph 4:4-6) "There is only one body and one spirit ... verse 5 ... one Lord, one faith, one baptism ... verse 6 ... one God, and Father of all .."

(Rev 5: 4) John wept because no one was found worthy. We cannot even comprehend the importance of these few verses. Can we even realize that if Jesus had not been worthy and willing to become the supreme sacrifice for us, that we would be eternally lost, forever! But God willed his love toward us and while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Praise God!

(Rev 5: 5-7) The angel proclaimed to John, "weep not, the lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, hath prevailed to open the book. The 5th verse of chapter 5 is one of great explanation. There is no need for weeping, Jesus has prevailed. Prophesy had predetermined that the Messiah would come through the tribe of Judah and from the lineage of David. Due to all the other religions in the world today it is important to understand that Jesus was and is the only son of God to be offered. (Jn 3:16) "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son." God did not have a son by the name of buda, mahamid, alah, dagon, etc. He had only one son "Jesus" to give. John beheld him before the throne, a lamb as it had been slain before the foundation of the world. John saw

the plan of salvation revealed to him as Jesus took the book, then opened the book, that all the world might behold the glory of God through the Saviour that was given to all the world. JESUS. (Acts 4:12) "... there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." The consideration must be given to the seven spirits of God. (Jn 4:24) "God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Again, John was considered pastor of the seven churches of Asia. And to each church was given an angel and a spirit. "He that hath an ear let him hear what the spirit saith to the churches." Do not be deceived. Without the spirit of God one cannot have salvation, a church, nor any relationship with God.

(Rev 5:8) When Jesus took the book from him that set on the throne, the twenty four elders fell down before the lamb, each having harps and golden vials which contained the prayers of the saints. (1 Pet 1: 10-12) "Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently... which things the angels desire to look into." One must consider the great coalition of prophets and holy men of God that worked earnestly, dedicating themselves to the promise, not knowing what manner of time the spirit of Christ, which was in them, would appear. Yet they pressed toward the mark (Phil 3-14) "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus;" If the called men of God would only apply this verse to their live. The work of faith and labor of love is the "high calling" of God. Let us press toward that mark.

(Rev 5: 9-12) The twenty four elders, the beasts, and ten thousand times ten thousands, and thousands of thousands of angels were gathered around the throne praising the lamb because he had prevailed to take the book and to open the book. Yet they saw him as a lamb that had been slain before the foundation of the world. Understanding that the plan of salvation was given and Jesus was the foreordained plan given from God to man for the redemption of sin. Though they saw him as a slain lamb in this vision, wait till we see Jesus when he comes in the clouds of glory. Without a doubt, in the content of this book was the plan of salvation, however, one must consider there was 'one' before the foundation of the world was considered, willing; satin, Yet without doubt satin was not worthy. (Rev 12: 7-9) My opinion is that Satan was willing to be our savior because he thought himself to be equal with God but he was not worthy. Only Gods son Jesus, and there could only be one, that prevailed to bring salvation to a lost world. God cast Satan out of Heaven because Satan thought more highly of

himself than he should have. More will be given on this subject when we get to chapter 12.

(Rev 5: 13-14) All creatures in the earth and in Heaven heard John praising the Lamb of God. This praise should continue today in us. (Romans 1: 16) "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

Chapter 6

(Rev 6:1) This chapter describes the revealing of the plan of salvation. As Jesus took the book he then began to open the book unfolding the mystery of Gods salvation plan. Until now the mystery had not been revealed. These next scriptures define the opening of the seven seals. Imagine if you can, the plan of salvation being a book of seven chapters. Each chapter reveals a greater mystery of Gods plan for us.

(Rev 6:2) The opening of the first seal, the "white horse," is the word of God. Without Gods word to enforce his salvation, salvation could change like the weather as some doctrines suggest today. There are some things that one must understand about Gods word. (Ps 118:89) Gods word is forever settled in Heaven. This simply means that before God created the world, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost all three agreed on this plan and God forever settled his word in Heaven. The word will not change as God will not change. (Heb 13:8) "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever more." The second verse says "He that set upon the white horse went forth conquering and to conquer." It is sad that people pay more attention to the horse than he that set upon the horse. For he that set upon the horse was the word of God. (Rev 19: 11-13) describes him that set upon the horse. Verse 13 gives us his name "The Word of God." There is no doubt without the assurance of God's word, there would be no salvation at all.

(Rev 6:3-4) The opening of the second seal, the "Red Horse" is the word of God in action. John describes this horse that takes peace from the earth. One might think that taking peace from the earth would be contrary to Gods love and salvation, however, this is quite the contrary. (Matt 10:35) "For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law." The word in action moves to separate those things that belong to God, from the things that are contrary to

God. A directive of this verse is that "they would kill one another." This is exactly what the religious world is doing today because of the variance of action God put in his word.

(Rev 6: 5-6) The opening of the third seal, the "Black Horse" is God's word in judgment. He that set on the horse had a pair of balances in his hand. I am reminded of the scripture in Daniel 5:27 "Thou art weighed in the balance and art found wanting." Judgment is one of the most beautiful aspects of salvation. It points out wrong doings and short comings. Then the word of God offers repentance and grace to be able to make the corrections to our lives to be pleasing unto God. Judgment is God's word dealing with our hearts, counseling us, teaching us, pleading with us all to follow Gods word. (Is 1:18) "Come let us reason together, saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." We serve a reasonable God that uses judgment to deal with us individually to follow him. Don't be confused with the last judgment, where God will eternally separate his people from those of the world. The difference is the living word, living in us as opposed to the final judgment which will complete Gods word.

(Rev 6:7-8) The opening of the fourth seal, the "Pale Horse, is God's word telling us without doubt there is a literal Hell. God's word is careful to let us know all aspects concerning salvations plan. For instance he tells us of grace, faith, judgment and all points concerning salvation. Hell is a part of salvation, in that unbelief will send you there. He tells us that there is a Hell. Hell is mentioned 53 times in the bible. God wants us to know that if we fail to accept Jesus as our Saviour that Hell will be our home.

(Rev 6:9-11) The opening of the fifth seal "Maritime" is God honoring all those in the Old Testament and the New, who gave their lives for the word of God. It is very important for us to consider those who dedicated their life and death to the ministry in so much that the same should inspire you and I to do the same.

(Rev 6:12-17) The opening of the sixth seal "the second coming of Jesus for the church." These scriptures describe for us the events that will be associated with Jesus return for the church. There are other scriptures also that tells of this event. (1 Thes 4:14-18). Verse 17 says "...shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord." All mankind, that are left behind, will seek death and will not find it. They will face God in the seventh seal.

Chapter 7

(Rev 7:1-8) The angels stood ready to let loose the four winds against the earth, however, it is most important to Gods will to be certain that all his saints be sealed before this destruction. These verses describe the sealing of the saints. Please allow me to rightly divide this: (Ex 28:36) The seal in the forehead was the physical act of setting aside the priest for entering the Holiest of Hollies in the temple. The priest were required to form a plate of pure gold with the signet "Holiness To The Lord." Then they were required to place this plate on their forehead before entering the temple. This would show the congregation the anointing of God and the remission of sin by the sacrifices offered by the priest. The priest would atone sin through the formality of the sacrifice offering. Verse 38 says "... that they may be accepted before the Lord." Another example was the anointing of David. (1 Sam 16:13) "then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him..." The act of pouring oil on the head of David consecrated him or set him aside for the work of God showing to the world that God had called him for the keeping of Gods divine plan. The third example was set in us. We, in the New Testament, are required to have the blood applied to our soul to be accepted before the Lord. These three examples, all in different periods of time, shows the saving, keeping and sealing of our soul which allows us to stand in the presence of God. God reserved 12,000 of each tribe of Israel, from Jacob to the coming of Jesus for the working of the temple.

(Rev 7:9-17) John saw a number that no man could number, praising God for salvation, which belonged to God. One of the elders asked John "Who are these?" John replied though knowest. "And he said to me these are they that came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb." This is the New Testament church who has accepted Jesus as our personal Saviour. Verse 16 and 17 describe some vision as to what Heaven will be like; no hunger, no thirst, no sun, no heat and God himself will wipe all tears from their eyes.

Chapter 8

(Rev 8:1) The lamb then opened the seventh and final seal. It is important to understand that there will be no other seal, chance or opportunity given to mankind in accordance with salvation. (Matt 26:39) When Jesus was in the garden

he replied, "Oh my Father, if it be possible let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless not as I will but as thy will." If there had been any other way Jesus, the lamb, would not have had to die, however, there was no other way given to man so (Heb 12:2) "... who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." There was silence in Heaven for one half hour. This is the only time in the bible where silence in Heaven is mentioned.

(Rev 8:2) John saw a stage being set after the seal was open. The first thing he saw was seven angels with the seven last trumpets that are about to sound.

(Rev 8:3-5) John saw an angel with a censer that was burning much incense. The censers are vessels that are used to burn incense when sacrifices are being offered by man and accepted by God. The sacrifice most important was the sacrifice that was offered for all man. After the incense was burned, John witnessed the angel filling the censer with fire and casting the fire to the earth. God is showing us how he is going to destroy this earth. "There were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake."

(Rev 8:6-13) As the angels sound the trumpets, certain parts of the earth were destroyed. There were at this point four angels which have sounded the trumpets. You can read for yourself the destruction this far. Four trumpets have sounded already yet in verse 13, three woes were given as three trumpets are yet to sound.

Chapter 9

(Rev 9: 1-12) As the fifth trumpet sounded, so was the first of three woes displayed. As the seal was open, so was the bottomless pit. Out of the pit came a great storm of locust which lasted 5 months. Verse 6 "In those days shall men seek death and shall not find it and they shall desire to die and death shall flee from them." Note the fifth trumpet brings some amount of controversy. In my raising it was generally understood that after the church was taken, the earth would be immediately destroyed. This teaching is still generally correct, however, we can see in the scriptures that there was a period of 5 months where God was causing the unsealed or unsaved to be tortured by the locust. In short, God will destroy the earth after the removal of the church but he will destroy in his way and in his time.

(Rev 9: 13-21) After the sixth angel sounded his trumpet, four angels were loosed which destroyed a third part of man. There are two very important verses of scripture in this chapter. Verse 20 and 21 states that after all these events had taken place, the remaining people in the earth still refused to repent. It is nonsense for us to think that man will have a thousand years to repent after the church has been removed. The scriptures plainly state that those that were left refused to repent. There is no act of repentance found in Revelations. In fact no one can be saved when there is not a church to give birth.

Chapter 10

(Rev 10: 1-11) John describes the angel that revealed the next vision. In the angels hand was an open book. As the angel stood, one foot on land and one foot on the sea, he cried with a loud voice that time would be no longer. The sound of his voice sounded as a lion that roared and seven thunders uttered their voices. After the seven thunders uttered their voices John was going to record what he had saw, just as he has the other visions he had saw. The angel forbid him from writing, telling him to seal up those things the seven thunders had uttered and write them not. Some may not understand why God would not allow John to write this vision. But in visions, through study, prayer, meditation, ect. I have experienced times when God has revealed scripture or given visions just for my understanding or for my leadership not to be shared with others. In verse 6 the angel declares "time no longer."

(Rev 10:7) At the time of this event, John describes that all mystery of God should be finished. The mystery he is describing is the word of God being fulfilled.

(Rev 10:8) God requires that John take the little book out of the angels hand.

(Rev 10: 9) John went to the angel and asked for the book. The angel told him to take the book and eat it. "And it was in my mouth sweet as honey, and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter." There were other accounts where prophets were required to eat Gods word just as we are today. (Jer 15:16 and Ez 2:8) What this describes is the word of God being taken, eaten, digested as it becomes the strength of our life. If the word is not our life then we cannot have a part with God. God wanted John to make this a part of him because his work was not complete at this time.

(Rev 10:11) Tells John that he must prophesy again before many people and nations, and tongues and kings. Though John was able to see the end of time in this vision, he soon would be preaching again to those that his ministry would reach.

Chapter 11

(Rev 11: 1-2) John was given a reed like a rod; then was told to measure the temple, the alter, and them that worshiped there. Under the law there were levels that were given to the temple. According to your status in life you were able to advance within the temple. Given are the levels that man could go, however, the court was not to be measured because it was given to the Gentiles. Under the law the Gentiles couldn't go any further than the court of the temple lest they be killed. The next level of the temple was the sacred enclosure that was three steps above the court of the Gentiles. The third level of the temple was the court of the women or the treasury, which was three feet higher than the sacred enclosure. The fourth level of the temple was the court of Israel which was ten feet higher than the treasury. The fifth level of the temple was the court of priest which was three feet higher than the court of Israel. The sixth level of the temple was the house of God which was eight feet above the court of the priest. These levels were protected by death. In measuring the temple, this shows that the temple could be measured, meaning that the temple or the Law, had its boundaries and limitations. The court was given to the Gentiles which represented Grace and it could never be measured. God's grace never runs out; it is sufficient. It will always be there.

(Rev 11:3-14) In these next few scriptures we must remember that Jesus was, is and is to come. There are visions that look ahead into the future. There are visions for the present time. There are also visions that enable us to look back to where God brought us from. If we were not allowed to look into the past witnesses, how would we be persuaded by the things that are not yet seen? This is why Gal 3:24 says the Law was a schoolmaster to Grace.

Let's rightly divide the truth. There is adequate information given within these scriptures to enable us to reach an understanding of who these witnesses were and their purpose. Verse 3 talks about the two witnesses that were given 1260 days or approximately three and one half years to prophesy.

(Rev 11:3) This verse gives us enough information for us to understand that the two witnesses that were given to the Grace of God was the Law and the Prophets. The Law represented by Moses and the prophets represented by Elijah. We see these two witnesses together again on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matt 17:1). (Luke 16:16) "The law and the prophets were until John, since that time the kingdom of God should be preached and every man presseth to it." This prophesy was a type and shadow of the power of Grace that was brought by Jesus Christ. This was not the first time this vision was seen. The prophet Zachariah saw this same vision 519 BC. He saw the vision as two olive trees that were furnishing the candle sticks with oil. The two olive trees were the law and the prophets, the oil was the Holy Spirit and the candlesticks were the church. These prophets were given special power.

(Rev 11:6) The power to shut Heaven that there would be no rain. The power to turn water into blood. This was the same power that God gave Moses during the Exodus of Israel. The same power God gave Elijah when facing Ahab. Some would try to misconstrue these verses to have them say something they don't.

(Rev 11:7) After their testimony was given they were killed. There was more that hung on the cross the day Jesus was crucified, than we as man will ever be able to know. (Rev 21) John saw a new Jerusalem come down from God out of Heaven. There was no reason for the former things to continue. This is why the old Jerusalem had to be done away with along with the law and the prophets. They were all crucified with Jesus that day, that a new and better testament might be brought in. Though they were fulfilled, they still remain as a schoolmaster to the grace that God gave to us in his salvations plan.

(Rev 11:11) In the first resurrection all the dead in Christ arose. These witnesses arose also as a greater and better witness to the things that they had seen and heard.

(Rev 11:17) and the second woe was past.

(Rev 11:15-19) The final judgment is near. The temple of God was opened in Heaven and there was seen "the ark of his testament." The ark of his testament contains the whole story even before the foundation of the world. God's word opened and revealed.

Chapter 12

(Rev 12:1-6) With the ark of his testament opened, God began to reveal more of the mystery of his plan. God begins to describe for us Mary, Jesus natural mother. (Luke 1:28) "... hail thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women." God tells of the plight of Jesus birth. Matt 2:13 tells of Jesus plight into Egypt because Herod was killing all male children two years and under, trying to kill Jesus just as the scripture indicates in verses 1-6.

(Rev 12:7-9) These three verses tell of a war that took place in Heaven. My opinion is that Satan was willing and thought himself to be worthy to be our Saviour. Satan thought himself to be equal to God. Rev. 5:4 says that no one was worthy to take the book of salvation. Rev. 5:12 says "Worthy is the Lamb." Only Jesus, Gods only son, was worthy to take the book and begin to open for the use of the plan of salvation. Because of Satans rebellion he was cast out into a bottomless pit (Rev 20:3). (In the earth)He was bound there one thousand years and after he would be loosed for a little season. After the thousand years, he was found in the garden of Eden deceiving Eve. Note, we might mention here that God created man form the dust of the earth. (So that we don't confuse the subject of this chapter, please look to chapter 20 for the explanation of satan being bound a thousand years.)

(Rev 12: 10-12) There was much rejoicing because satan was bound, moreover, because Jesus prevailed to become the Christ, the anointed one of God.

(Rev 12: 13-17) Satan was very angry after being cast out of Heaven. He tried desperately to destroy Mary and Jesus. Matt. 2: 12-23 describes in detail the extremes that satan went through to try to destroy Jesus. Praise God that salvation prevailed.

(Rev 12:17) The dragon was wroth with the woman and made war with the remnant of her seed. We are the seed of Christ. This is the clear reason Paul said (2 Cor. 4:3-4) "but if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost. In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not ..." This surely opens our eyes to see the influence of satan on the loose. It should also give us a clear understanding of the war that has continued in the Middle East and in our heart. There will not be peace there as man would suggest. Satan is still waging war there with the seed of Marys remnant. Look at the hate, violence and bitterness. These are all attributes of satans war.

Chapter 13

(Rev 13: 1-9) Chapters 12 – 14 of Revelations, for the sake of discussion, reveals the glory of satan. For us to think that satan has no glory would be a gross misunderstanding. Let me call your attention to Rev. 17: 6-7 when John being in the spirit, marveled with great admiration when he saw the vision of the scarlet woman. (Heb 11:25) Moses chose to suffer the affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. So we must consider, lest we fall into the snare of satan, that there are pleasures in sin and that satan must have great glory about him to be able to deceive the very elect, if possible.

(Rev 13: 1-9) Until now we have been following the sequence of the seventh seal being revealed. Within the seventh seal, John saw the glory of satan revealed to him. In this vision God had to reveal satan so that we could see for ourselves that we should be very aware of him and that we might see how that God will deal with him. Who is this, Satan? Verse one called him BLASPHEMY.

(Rev 13:4) Even after the remaining people on the earth witnessed the church being taken, the woes of the seventh seal and the world being destroyed before their very eyes "they worshipped the dragon ... the worshipped the beast ..." The premillennial doctrine declares that man will have a thousand years to repent. No where in the book of Revelations does the prophesy declare that man ever repented, yet continued to worship satan, their god.

(Rev 13: 5-9) The beast continued to speak blasphemy against God. (Jn 8:44) "Ye are of your father the devil and the lust of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth because there was no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar and the father of it.

(Rev 13:8) They of "the earth shall worship him, whose names were not written in the book of life ..." These scriptures continue to show that there will be no repentance after the church has been removed.

(Rev 13:10-15) Let us be reminded that we are considering the glory of satan. As God had a diversity of plans, for example the garden of paradise where all things were perfect, except man, the time of promise given to Abraham, the law that was given to Moses, the time of Judges, the time of the prophets, and finally the time of grace, given by Christ. Satan too was able to present himself in each plan. (Rev 13: 13-15) we saw how satan was able to adapt, for example, the magicians

of Egypt were able to match the power of Moses. Israel was taken into captivity by Babylon with all the events that happened there, satan had to have been there.

(Rev 13: 16-18) Satan came to us all to receive "his" mark in their right hand or in the forehead. (2 Tim 2:19) "nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his." As God knows who belongs to him, satan does also. (Ez 9:4) As Ezekiel was given this vision he was told to mark them that cries after abominations then come back later and slay them. (Gen 4:11) Cain was marked after he slew is brother Able. Ex. 28:36 gives an explanation toward the mark in the forehead. There was a plate to be made of pure gold saying "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" that was to be worn by Aaron on his forehead that he may bear the iniquity of Israel, that they may be accepted before the Lord during the offering of sacrifices. The mark that satan seeks after is to bring glory to his name.

(Rev 13: 18) "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man." Because of the sin of Adam, death was pronounced upon our flesh. (Gen 3:3) "Ye shall not eat of it neither shall ye touch it lest ye die." The flesh of man was marked. Without the blood of Jesus in salvations plan we will surely die carnally as well as spiritually. The mark of the beast is simply the unwillingness of man to repent because the love for the world and the love of satan was greater. (Jn 3: 19) "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world and men loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil." That which you serve is your master.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

This is not the mark of the beast, dragon or antichrist as men suppose, but the mark of MAN which worship the beast, whose name is blasphemy, which deny Jesus as the Christ)

a. Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation.
b. As is blasphemy the power of Satan unto destruction (gossip, doubt, confusion, lying, bitterness, hatred
c. Note: Satan must have someone to carry his message; MAN

d. 6 number of imperfection; number of man without God, without Christ; man was created on the sixth day; represents the curse of labor; God rest on the seventh day; sixth commandment, thou shalt not murder

(doctrines and religions such as Jehovah Witness; Catholicism; Mormons; Muslims; Hen doo; Buddhist; Church of Christ; Church of Scientology; Unification Church; ALL CULTS)
We as Christians believe we should be taking stands over political / Christian values ?? We definitely should be standing against those denying Jesus as the Christ and denying Jesus as the Son of God, Denying the trinity as the Godhead. Yet, we have become tolerant of these religions, based on who or what man promotes them.

Chapter 14

(Rev 14: 1-3) John saw a lamb standing on Mount Sion. The lamb is Jesus, he is the sacrifice that was offered for mankinds sins. Mount Sion was a name given to Jerusalem or the city of David. One can say the lamb was offered on Mount Sion for the redemption of all sin.

(Rev 14: 2) He then heard a voice from Heaven celebrating Gods gift to all. (1 Pet 1: 10-11) "Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you." "Searching what or what manner of time the spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow."

(Rev 14: 3-5) Those that were in Heaven sang a new song. No man could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand which were redeemed. My opinion, this hundred and forty-four thousand were those who God reserved through time, to the fulfilling of the Old Testament, to administer his word to the coming of Christ. They were those who were not defiled by women or by sin.

(Rev 14: 6-7) There was another angel that came which had the "everlasting gospel." (Rom 1:16) "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation ..." In the fulfilling of the law (Luke 16:16) "the law and the prophets were until John, since that time the kingdom of God is preached and every man pressed unto it."

(Rev 14:7) "for his judgment is come." The purpose of the gospel is to bring judgment into the world. Judgment is God dealing with us through his gospel to bring us into his fellowship. The gospel reveals faults and short comings and the way of escape to be able to overcome them.

(Rev 14: 8) The gospel, through the plan of salvation, caused Babylon and sin to loose its grip on mankind. Thus it fell because it was defeated at last.

(Rev 14: 9-12) The third angle declared any man worshipping the beast or receiving his mark in his forehead will face the wrath of God. Understanding the gospel seperates the lost from the saved. The unsaved will receive eternal damnation for their sin.

(Rev 14: 13) John was shown the benefit of salvation. As those which died in the Lord, would rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

(Rev 14: 14-15) John witnessed Jesus on the cloud of his glory, preparing to harvest the earth. (Jn 4:35) "...Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white and ready to harvest.

(Rev 14: 16-20) Jesus did begin to harvest the earth. Let us notice one thing, the harvest that was talked about was placed in the great wine press of wrath of God. Where every mans work will be tried by fire, to see what sort it is, whether or not their work will stand. No mention was made concerning the saved. (2Tim 2:19) "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his." The saved will not face the judgment of the unbeliever nor will we experience is wrath. We will be praising God around the throne of God forever.

Chapter 15

(Rev 15: 1-2) John saw a marvelous wonder. It wasn't the angels with the seven last plagues, it was the sea of glass. (Luke 16:26) Jesus stated concerning the rich man "And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed so that they that would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from hence." The separation that Jesus was talking about and that John saw was the eternal separation provided to us in salvation. This separation was from sin, death, hell and all unbelief. What a wonderful thought to know that

there is no possible way that the saved will ever face the possibility of these abominations, including Hell itself!!! Praise God!!!

(Rev 15: 3-4) They sang a song of Moses which represented the Law and the song of the lamb which represents grace. Both resurrections will enjoy the praise of Heaven. All people whether under the law or grace will praise God for his grace and mercy towards us.

(Rev 15: 5-8) John saw the temple in Heaven open and the glory of God displayed honoring the power and the greatness of the almighty God. Then one of the beast gave the seven angels the seven last plagues. The end is at hand.

Chapter 16

(Rev 16:1) The command was given to pour out the vials of the wrath of God.

(Rev 16: 2) The first vial a noisome and grievous sore.

(Rev 16: 3) The second vial, the vial was poured out upon the sea and it became blood as a dead man. Every living soul died in the sea.

(Rev 16: 4) The third vial, the vial was poured out upon the rivers and they became blood.

(Rev 16: 8) The fourth vial, the vial was poured out upon the sun, power was given to the angel to scorch men with fire.

(Rev 16: 10) The fifth vial, the vial was poured out on satan, the beast.

(Rev 16: 11) This verse is very important. Note "and repented not of their deeds." No where in Revelations did men repent of their sins. It is ludicrous to believe that man will have a thousand years to repent when the scriptures are so plain that men refused to repent.

(Rev 16: 12) The sixth vial, the vial was poured out on the river Euphrates and the water was dried up.

(Rev 16: 13-16) Then John saw the unclean spirit come out of the dragon, the beast and the false prophet. They had the appearance of frogs. They were the spirits of devils, working miracles in the unbelievers. The evil spirits gathered themselves together to a place called Armageddon. Much has been played into

this verse b the premillennial crowd as if there is to be some kind of great war take place. This battle will end as quick as it started. (see the remaining of the chapter)

(Rev 16:17) The seventh vial, the vial was poured out into the air "and there came a great voice out of the temple of Heaven, from the throne saying It is done."

(Rev 16:18) There came voices, thunders, lightning's and a great earth quake such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

(Rev 16: 19) God poured out the fierceness of his wrath.

(Rev 16: 20) Every Island fled away and the mountains were not found.

(Rev 16: 21) There fell hail from Heaven, every stone a talent weight, upon men as they continued to blaspheme God, (still no repentance.) In conclusion, the battle of Armageddon sure did not appear to me as much of a battle. When the angel poured out the seventh vial upon the unbelievers, all the evil spirits were able to do was to be killed and to blaspheme. Not much of a battle. Yet the pre-millennial place such a great emphasis on this battle. God has all power in heaven and in earth. Satan is powerless without flesh to work through.

Chapter 17

(Rev 17: 1-5) Then the seven angels took John from the vision of the seventh plague and began to show him the vision of the great whore. The kings of the earth and the unbelievers have committed fornication with her.

(Rev 17:3) It is important to understand that the seven angels took John, in the spirit, into this vision. In verse six you will understand why.

(Rev 17: 4) the angels then showed John the great whores glory. She was full of all abominations and filthiness of her fornications. She represents all the sin and filth known to man. One would think that she would be ugly and undesirable but quite the contrary.

(Rev 17: 5) She is identified.

(Rev 17: 6) John admittedly saw the whore drunken with the blood of the saints and the martyrs of Jesus, yet when he saw her he wondered with great admiration. If we as individuals think that we can withstand the temptation of sin you are only kidding yourself. Sin is real. Sins effects are real.

(Rev 17:7) The angels ask John "wherefore didst thou marvel?" John marveled because the sin still had a traumatic effect on the flesh. Do we truly understand; though John was in the Spirit, caught up into a vision, perhaps looking into heaven itself yet was overtaken by the vision of the great whore which was all the abominations of sin; and yet he marveled at what he saw. We need to be aware, of the power of sin and the lasting effects. Without Jesus, the eternal effects. Then the angel began to reveal the vision to John.

(Rev 17: 8) The primary reason that we allow sin in our lives is that we don't fully understand in our hearts, nor our mind, the mystery of sin. It behooves us to be reminded day by day what sin is, where it came from and where it will, not maybe, but will take us. (1 Cor. 15: 31) ..."I die daily." Then the angel begins to reveal the vision: John first saw a vision of a great whore. Sin is never what we think it is, it often disguises itself yet it always brings forth death. Whether it seems beautiful, as John saw, or as ugly as sin itself it always brings forth death, no matter what form it takes. (James 1:15) "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin, and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." Second the angel referred to this beautiful image of sin that John saw, even though he was in the spirit, "wondered with great admiration" as a beast. This beast was (Rev 12:7) once in Heaven and rebelled against God. And is not (Rev 12: 9, Rev 20:3). There is no physical existence of satan. He was defeated and cast into the earth, into a bottomless pit. Thirdly he shall ascend from the bottomless pit into perdition. (Rev 20:14) "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death." This will take place in the resurrection when all unbelief will be judged and cast into the lake of fire. Then the angel determined all people from the beginning of time to the end of time who has not accepted the truth (Jesus) will wonder, for the lack of understanding, over a beast that was and is not and yet is. The beast is, because final judgment has not come to him yet. In conclusion to these two verses, sin no matter what form or how beautiful or how ugly will destroy you. The same result will come to the unbeliever as came to the beast, satan and all his angels, perdition (eternally lost) and the lake of fire.

(Rev 17:9) The angel begins to expound on the vision. To be able to rightly divide these scriptures we would have to be able to know what err of time this vision

took place. My personal opinion is "the mountains" or the err of time where the whore sit on were the major events of Gods interaction with man. (Rom. 7:21) "... when I would do good, evil is present with me." These seven mountains were the Garden of Eden, the old world with Noah, the promise to Abraham, the law given to Moses, the Judges, the prophets and Grace.

(Rev 17: 10-13) Again, how can we say what err of time do these verses apply? I believe the err of time was all times since satan was loosed in the garden, even until now. These kings are those selected by satan to do his work throughout the ages of time known to man, even as God chose men to do his work and to promote his cause. All of Gods people have been effected by the power of sin and satan. Nonetheless each of these Kings are the sons of perdition, eternally lost, destined and predestined to Hell and the lake of fire. They allowed satan to use them to the fullest The Kings accepted satan's power, that his power might exhalt them in this world.

(Rev 17: 14) These all made war with the Lamb (Jesus) and the Lamb prevailed "for he is Lord of Lords and King of Kings."

(Rev 17: 15) The waters where the whore sitteth are the people and multitudes and the nations ad tongues. We must understand that everyone has been or will be affected by this reality of this vision. Beware

(Rev 17: 16-18) The ten horns upon the beast hate the whore and will ultimately defeat her and destroy her. She too will ultimately dwell in the lake of fire.

Chapter 18

(Rev 18: 1-3) Babylon was a city within the Arab nation that God increased in order to punish Israel for their disobedience. The reality of Babylon reflects the works of Satan or the works of man. In these verses these works failed. 1 Cor. 3: 13-15 says every mans work will be tried in the fire.

(Rev 18: 4-5) A stern warning goes out to all "come out of her, receive not her plagues." For her sins have reached into Heaven. God hath remembered her iniquities.

(Rev 18: 6-10) We should be angered because of sin when we see sins effect on our loved ones lives. We should not accept sin but aggressively fight against it as it

seeks to destroy us and will if we participate in it. The end will befall her in one hour.

(Rev 18: 11-19) The merchants were not able to buy from her anymore. The physical Babylon has long since vanished away. The city gave way to other cities in the region after its siege over Judah approximately six hundred years BC. The physical region where it once stood is where Bagdad is today, however, the spiritual ramifications of Babylon are much more prevalent to us than the physical. As Babylon physically took Judah into captivity then, the captivity of her sin and the power of her siege holds fast her victims today. Her victims include our children, family and friends and acquaintances. Her power includes the lust of the flesh (James 1: 14-16), the love of money (1 Tim 6: 10), lovers of their own self, lovers of pleasure (2 Tim 3:2), etc. Her merchandise is the lustful and blinding things that she offers. The shocking thing is these are the items that we handle, possess and often need. 1 Cor. 3:10) teaches us to be a "wise masterbuilder." Paul determined, and is true, that we cannot build on these things. There is a "foundation" that was laid in Christ and every man should take heed how he builds on this foundation. This foundation is the means in which we should be building our lives on so that we don't suffer loss. 1 Cor. 3:19 says "every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it because it shall be revealed by fire and the fire shall try every mans work of what sort it is." These which saw Babylon fall wept because of her. They wept because this is where their love is. They are lovers of this world more than lovers of God. Again let me reiterate, the old Babylon has not existed for over two thousand years, however, the spiritual Babylon still rages today.

(Rev 18:20) We wonder why God just don't put a stop to sin now and all together. He will, its just not time yet. Gods mercy is still enduring for the salvation of our kindred. John clearly shows us the events of God dealing with sin and one day soon he will. He tells the Heavens, the apostles and the prophets to rejoice in her falling because God has avenged their blood.

(Rev 18: 21-24) The angel then cast a millstone into the sea. This punctuates the end of Babylon and sin forever. What does this really mean? From the garden of Eden (Gen 3: 17-19) because Adam listened to the voice of his wife over the will of God, a curse was placed on him and us. He would have sorrow all the days of his life. Thorns and thistles would sprout up. He would eat the herbs of the field. In the sweat of they face shalt thou eat bread until you return to the earth. (Gen 3:16) To the woman he said I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and they conception.

In sorrow thou shalt bring forth children. Thy desire shall be to thy husband and he shall rule over thee. This curse continues in us today. This is the curse that will be destroyed when Babylon falls in the last days. The curse that was placed on flesh. All the labors of man, all that he has built means absolutely nothing. (Ecc. 2: 11) "Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought and all the labor that I had labored to do, and behold all was vanity and vexation of spirit and there was no profit under the sun." This is why all Heaven, the prophets and the apostles will rejoice. All sin and sins curse is destroyed. Its important for us to understand that through sorceries all nations were deceived.

Chapter 19

(Rev 19: 1-4) After all these things all Heaven rejoiced. For all of Gods judgments were true. For God had judged the great whore which corrupted all the earth and the four and twenty elders and the beast fell down and worshipped God saying Amen and Alleluia.

(Rev 19: 5) Then a voice came from the throne and said praise our God, all his servants and all that fear him.

(Rev 19: 6) Then John heard a voice of many waters and voices of many thunders that praised the omnipotent God that reigns.

(Rev 19: 7) The marriage of the lamb has come and the bride, the church, has made herself ready. (Eph 5: 27) "That he might present it to himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish."

(Rev 19: 8-9) The church will be dressed in fine linen which is the righteousness of the saints. Blessed are those which are called to the marriage supper of the lamb.

(Rev 19: 10) John saw the marriage and he immediately humbled himself. What a celebration this will be when we, the church, finally see Jesus who died for us. The angel reminds us not to get caught up in the event but rather worship God. We must also realize it took Gods word, his prophesy, and the testimony of Jesus to make all this happen. All was according to the plan of his salvation.

(Rev 19: 11-13) The remaining of the chapter expresses to us the working of God's word. John saw Heaven open and then saw a white horse and he that set upon him was the word of God. (Verse 13 clearly tells us that the white horse rider is "The Word of God") Let us consider the working of God's word. Rev. 6 shows us how the word worked in each err of time represented in the bible. (Please feel free to look back into the sixth chapter to refresh your mind on this issue.) All of God's word was met with stiff opposition from the beginning, in the garden to the end, in Revelations. Matt. 10:34 says "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth; I came not to send peace but a sword." (Verse 4) Taking into consideration all time, from Geneses to Revelations all Heaven supported the true fact that Jesus was the Christ. For example, Abraham on earth, Abraham in Heaven; Moses on earth, Moses in Heaven; Isaiah on earth, Isaiah in Heaven. God gave Heavens best to persuade man to accept Jesus as that Christ.

(Rev 19: 15-16) Out of his mouth was a sword. Heb. 4:12 says "For the word of God is quick, and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." He indeed is the "King of Kings."

(Rev 19: 17-18) (Ez 17: 39) Ezekiel saw this same vision. As the word of God defeats and destroys the unbelievers, the fowls show the corruptness of the flesh, the rottenness of the carnage the ungodly live in.

(Rev 19: 19- 21) The unbeliever and the ungodly have always resisted God's word. This is the actual account of the "Great Battle of Armageddon". As I understand the Bible, evil mounted up a great opposition, yet all Hell and all unbelief is no challenge to God. Are we kidding ourselves to believe that satan somehow has the power to even stand against the presence of God? Have we as Christians turned to devil worship when we exalt satan today, the end or anytime; when we (they) preach/teach that indeed there will be some great battle, as though satan has a chance to defeat God? Shame on the pre-millennial doctrine to even suggest such unbelief. The beast, the false prophet and all that remained (unbelievers) were destroyed by the sword of God and cast into the lake of fire.

Conclusion of Chapter 19

Before we get into chapter 20, let's stop here for a second and recap what chapter 19 said. All Heaven rejoiced because of salvation. They had saw Babylon

fall which was all the works of man which included the curse placed upon man. The angel describes how it fell by the word of God. At the conclusion of chapter 19 the beast and the false prophet were cast into the lake of fire. Note; the lake of fire is the second death and the (final) place of judgment.

Chapter 20

I see a need for us to review the conclusion of chapter 19 before we continue into chapter 20. After doing so I find Satan being cast into a bottomless pit, being bound for a thousand years. As the bible was not placed in chronological order, meaning the books of the bible being in order in regard to years, neither is Revelations placed in chronological order. John was being overwhelmed by visions after visions and was writing heavenly visions he had not seen before. Simply put he was telling the story after he had experienced it. In the conclusion of chapter 19 we found that all the inhabitance of the earth had been destroyed. Chapter 19 was celebrating salvation through the deliverance of the word of God. Chapter 20 is dealing with an entirely different subject, the first resurrection. Having said this let us continue.

(Rev. 20: 1-3) The first resurrection was when Jesus arose from the grave. However in John 20, John tells the whole story of the first resurrection beginning with Satan being cast out of Heaven and placed into the bottomless pit and being chained and bound for a thousand years. John told that Satan would not be able to deceive the nations no more until this thousand years was complete then he would be loosed. The story goes further back than this. Jesus said in 1 Peter 1: 20 "Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you." Before the world was formed, Jesus was foreordained to be the Savior of the world. Looking back into the bible in Rev. 12: 7-12 there was a war in Heaven. My opinion, according to the teachings of the Bible, is that the dispute was over who would be the Christ. In Rev. 5: 1-8 John wept because no one was worthy to take the book or to look thereon. The book that was in question was the plan of salvation as described. Satan thought himself to be equal to God however he was not a part of the Godhead which had already determined that Jesus, Gods only son, was the only one that was worthy to be the Christ. Nonetheless, Satan was willing. This was when the war began. Satan and all his angles were then bound and cast into the bottomless pit and could not deceive the nations until the thousand years expired.

When God placed Adam and Eve into the garden, the garden was paradise. There was no sin and God fellow-shipped with then every day. (Gen. chapters 1-3) When one day Satan appeared in the form of a serpent. Where had he been? (In a bottomless pit) How long were Adam and Eve in the garden until he appeared? (Perhaps a thousand years, who really knows) Satan had been bound a thousand years and was loosed. God placed man in the garden of paradise to have fellowship with him, giving him only one commandment which was not to partake of the tree of knowledge. Then the deceiver came. Satan was loosed from the bottomless pit beginning his deception with Eve and continues today, even until he went to the lake of fire.

(Rev. 20: 4-6) John saw thrones, meaning kingships and generations of people. John saw martyrs who had gave their lives for the word and for Christ. The blessed had not received the mark in their foreheads. This means again there was a mark for Satan and a mark for God. (please see study on chapter 13 in regard to marks) Lets take a closer look at the thousand years. A thousand years was a term used to express the amount of time uncommon for man to live. In Genesis 5:27 Methuselah lived 969 years. This was the longest amount of time that man had ever lived. So to be able to live or reign one thousand years would be the ultimate amount of time. Other than this explanation the thousand years is basically insignificant. 11 Peter 3:8 says "But beloved be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." Be reminded this is the first resurrection. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection on such the second death hath no power."

(Rev. 20:7-9) Let me remind you once again that we are still talking about the first resurrection. Then John looks back to verse two, when the thousand years expired. Satan was loosed in the garden of Eden. He would then continue his deception into the four corners of the earth. Pointing out Gog, the prince of Magog. In Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 Ezekiel saw this same vision. The land of Magog was a descendent of Jepheth the father of the Gentiles. They were generally known for their ungodliness and barbaric behavior against the restored Israel approximately 580 years BC. The prophesy, according to Ezekiel is that their effort would fail and it did. The angel wanted to remind us that the Old Testament prophesy concerning Gods word in regard to the coming Messiah would not fail. Though all evil was set against Gods plan of salvation, grace would prevail. Verse 9 declares that fire fell down from Heaven and devoured them. The fire that fell was also prophesied by the prophet Joel. (Joel 2: 28) "And it shall come to pass

afterward that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh ..." The giving of the spirit was the falling of the fire that consummated Gods salvation plan.

(Rev. 20:10) Again John saw Satan, the false prophet and the beast be cast into the lake of fire.

(Rev. 20: 11-15) John saw the great white throne judgment. In this judgment the dead, small and great, were judged according to their works. This is the final judgment. (Mathew 25:31-34) "And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats;"There were two books opened. The word of God and the book of life were the two books. The dead were all mankind that failed to accept Jesus as the Christ in the Old Testament and the New Testament. The book of life is the book where all names are recorded who is saved by Gods eternal grace.

(Rev. 20:14) Death and Hell were cast into the lake of fire this is the second death. Ever separated from God.

(Rev. 20: 15) Everyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Chapter 21

(Rev. 21: 1) John saw the first Heaven and the first earth pass away when the Old Testament (Luke 16:16) the law and the prophets were fulfilled by the coming of Jesus and the giving of the New Testament and grace. (Hebrew 12: 26-29) "Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven."" And this world, yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain."Since Jesus came, neither the earth or Heaven will ever be the same. John saw the new Jerusalem (Jesus, grace, church, Holy Spirit) coming down from God out of Heaven, "prepared," I am glad that when the church came, it was fully prepared to accomplish what it was sent to do (Matt. 16:18) " ... I will build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."

(Rev. 21: 2) Then John saw the New Jerusalem coming down; God could not allow the old to continue with the new. Prophesy was given to Daniel (Dan. 9: 27) concerning the abomination of desolation. The abomination was the failure of the

Jews to accept Jesus as the Christ. The desolation is that Jerusalem would be destroyed because God no longer had need for the Old Jerusalem when he gave us his son to bring to pass the New Jerusalem. Because of the Jesus coming to bring salvation; Jerusalem was destroyed 70 AD.

(Rev. 21: 3) The voice from Heaven declared that the tabernacle of God would be with men. The tabernacle of God under the law was with the levitical priesthood. The tabernacle of God under grace is with men, in our hearts as the Holy Spirit sets up salvation in us when it saves us.

(Rev. 21: 4-5) "God shall"; There are doctrines that suggest these scriptures preclude Jesus reign on earth. However the scriptures say "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." This chapter is about some changes that were necessary in bringing about salvation. Things could not remain the same if God was going to bring about change.

(Rev. 21: 6-7) "It is done" God reminds us he is the beginning and the end. God will give to him that athirst, the fountain of water of life freely. (II Samuel 23:15) "And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!" I wish all Gods people had a thirst for that water of life!

(Rev. 21: 8) There are those that are not going to Heaven. These will be cast into the lake of fire.

(Rev. 21: 9-10) Then one of the angels which had one of the seven vials saying "Come I will shew you the bride, the Lambs wife." The bride is the Church and the Lamb is Jesus.

(Rev. 21: 11-21) "Having the Glory of God" John was privileged to see the city of God. We see the physical church on earth mingled with the Spirit. John saw the Spiritual church pure and precious without a flaw. I once considered these scriptures to describe Heaven however this scripture is describing the church, the Lambs wife. From the twelve foundations (apostles) to the walls of Jasper (salvation) to the gates of Pearl (praise) (Is. 60: 18) to the streets of gold, the church was shown to us through the vision of John, the same church that Jesus will present to himself without spot or blemish (Eph. 5:27). (1 Cor. 2:9) "But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Though the church was shown to John and given to man, we must yet consider the fact that

not all the church was shown to John or given to man. Sure the church was given to man through grace however it continues into Heaven. To better describe my thought, (Gen. 28: 12) Jacob saw a ladder that extended into Heaven, with angles ascending and descending on it. (Mal. 3: 10) God will open the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. Though the church was given by grace, it still has the purity of Heaven as its home.

(Rev. 21: 22-23) There was no temple there, for God and the lamb were the temple of it. There was no need for the sun or the moon, for the glory of God did lighten it and the lamb is the light thereof.

(Rev. 21: 24-27) All the nations that are saved walk in the light of this city. That is us praising God. The gates shall not be closed. Under the law, in the temple the gates were closed six days and only opened on the Sabbath. "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth ... but they which are written in the Lambs book of life."

Chapter 22

(Rev. 22: 1-2) The angel is still describing the church to us and what it has to offer. A pure river of life (Eph. 5:26) "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word." (Rev. 4:5) "... and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God." Gods word coupled with the Spirit brings forth eternal life. Then John saw the tree of life. The tree of life had been taken away from man in the garden, (Gen. 3: 24) "So he drove out the man, and he placed him at the east of the garden of Eden, cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life." From the beginning of time God kept the way of the tree of life for man. Her leaves and fruit were for our healing. (Rom. 8: 26) "Likewise the spirit itself helpeth our infirmities..." Lets pause briefly to consider that all these benefits were made possible through the obedience of Jesus to the cross. Without Jesus, none of these blessings would be possible.

(Rev. 22: 3) The curse John is talking about if the curse that was placed on man in the garden (Gen. 3: 16-19) It will be no more.

(Rev. 22: 4-7) There will be no light, for God will provide the light and we shall reign with God. There are some doctrines that say God will not be present in Heaven with us for God is much mightier than we. This scripture specifically says God will reign with us in Heaven. This prophesy is true. These visions were given to John to show us what must shortly be done. Blessed are those who keep the sayings of this book. This is the reason I felt impressed to write this commentary. Those who keep the sayings of this book will be blessed. How can you keep Gods word of prophesy if you can't understand it?

(Rev. 22: 8-10) After John saw these things he fell at the feet of the angel. The angel replied to John, worship God, not angels. Then said the angel "seal not the sayings of the prophesies of this book, for the time is at hand."

(Rev. 22: 11) Judgment will find you and separate you from God.

(Rev. 22: 12-15) Jesus warns "behold I come quickly" HE is the beginning and the end. Those who keep these commandments have the right to the tree of life. Without Jesus you will be cast into the lake of fire.

(Rev. 22: 16) Jesus sent his angel to testify these things unto the churches.

(Rev. 22: 17) Then came the last invitation "The Spirit and the bride say come."

(Rev. 22: 18-19) God declares the sacredness of his word and the punishment to those which would alter, change, add to or take away from his word. This writing in no way is meant to add to or to take away from the word. The objective of this writing is to give us the spiritual interpretation of Revelations known as Amillennial. Please do not take my study or my thought to be your thought. Study these scriptures out for yourself. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. Know what you believe an why you believe that way. For Jesus is soon coming. Are you ready?

(Rev. 22: 20-21)

Surely I come quickly. Amen "Even so come Lord Jesus"

THE END.

THE ANTICHRIST MESSAGE

Jn 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit and in truth.

So is antichrist /dragon / beast / a spirit

The only place the term antichrist is used is in John / not found in Revelation

I Jn. 2:18 Little children it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrist; whereby we know that it is the last time.
20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One and ye know all things.
21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is part of the truth.

22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.
23 Whosoever denieth the son, the same hath not the father: [but] he that acknowledgeth the son hath the father also.
24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the father.
25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.
26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.
(obviously, not only now, but during this letter, the spirit of antichrist was at work denying and deceiving of Christ)

I Jn. 4
1 Beloved believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God.
3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come : and even now already is in the world. (4 thru 17 is Gods definition of the Spirit)
4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.
5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world hearth them.
6 We are of God: he that knoweth God hearth us; he that is not of God hearth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.
7 Beloved let us love on another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.
8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.
10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
11 Beloved, if God so loved you, we ought also to love one another.
12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.
13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.
14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.
15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.
16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.
17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in the world.

II Jn. 2

6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.
7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.
8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.
9 Whosoever, transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath the Father and the Son.

Rev 13:

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon has horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. (denying that Jesus is the Christ)(failure to accept the Father, Son, Holy Ghost)

4 And they worshipped the dragon (Luke 10:18, I beheld Satan as lightening fall from heaven) which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him? (they are those who deny that Jesus is the Christ, who deny the Father, Son, Holy Ghost)(beast is blasphemy)
5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies: and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.
6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. (blasphemy, the only sin that cannot be forgiven)
7 And was given unto him to make was with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues and nations. (pretty hard to achieve if this happens after the Church is removed)

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

This is not the mark of the beast, dragon or antichrist as men suppose, but the mark of MAN which worship the beast, whose name is blasphemy, which deny Jesus as the Christ)

e. Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation.
f. As is blasphemy the power of Satan unto destruction (gossip, doubt, confusion, lying, bitterness, hatred
g. Note: Satan must have someone to carry his message; MAN
h. 6 number of imperfection; number of man without God, without Christ; man was created on the sixth day; represents the curse of labor; God rest on the seventh day; sixth commandment, thou shalt not murder

(doctrines and religions such as Jehovah Witness; Catholicism; Mormons; Muslims; Hen doo; Buddhist; Church of Christ; Church of Scientology; Unification Church; ALL CULTS)

We as Christians believe we should be taking stands over political / Christian values ?? We definitely should be standing against those denying Jesus as the Christ and denying Jesus as the Son of God, Denying the trinity as the Godhead. Yet, we have become tolerant of these religions, based on who or what man promotes them.

Rev. 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and satan, which deceiveth the whole world…

a. Jesus said behold I saw him fall as lightening from the sky
b. Revelation 20:3 And cast him to a bottomless pit…. For 1000 years
c. Genesis 3: Deceived Eve / then Eve and Serpent deceived Adam
d. Job 1: Appeared before God concerning the hedge surrounding Job
e. Jude 1:9 Contending with Michael the Archangel concerning the body of Moses (God sent a Chariot of Fire for the body of Elijah)
f. Mathew 4: Tempted Jesus forty days and nights. (yet without sin)(has also to us to the edge of the world to temp us with sin

Mathew 23:24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

Revelations 17

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.
7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? (these have the power of deception, power to persuade. Using man to promote blasphemy. This is why God hates six things;

Proverbs 6:16-19

16 These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:
17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,
18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,
19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

CULTS

1. **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormonism)**. Deny the Bible is the Word of God; Denies the Trinity; Believes Baptism will save; Believes one can be baptized for the dead resulting in salvation; Believes I reincarnation; Believes thy descended from heaven to return a step closer to being a god themselves; Believes Jesus arose to the American Indian....
2. **The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society (Jehovah's Witnesses)**. Deny the Bible as the Word of God; Deny the Trinity; Deny God became flesh and dwelt with man(Jesus); Deny there is a Hell; Believe salvation is of Works not grace....
3. **The Church of Scientology**. A do-it-yourself salvation, science fiction group that masquerades as the true Church, lightly sprayed with a thin veneer of Christianity. Seeks to destroy through litigation and character assassination those who speak out against the group.
4. **The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (Unification Church).**
   Founded in 1954 by Sun Myung Moon, this highly authoritarian and destructive group teaches that Jesus failed on the cross. Moon is now the mediator between God and man.
5. **The International Churches of Christ**
   This highly evangelistic group which began in 1978 with Kip McKean embraces most of the main tenets of the historic Church. Teaches that it is the only true Church and is highly authoritarian, with immense control over members' lives.
6. **Catholics Deny Jesus as the Christ**; Deny the Bible; Believe one must pray to Mary, for Mary must have been Holier than Jesus because she bore him; Believe that Infant Baptism will save; Believe the Priest can pray ones sins away; Believe there is a purgatory which one can be prayed out of after death(for enough money)....
7. **The Nation of Islam (Muslims).** Deny God; Believe in Allah; Deny the Bible to be Word of God; Believe Jesus to be a profit; Believe Muhammed to be savior;